REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the rejections based on the above claim amendments and the arguments set forth below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Paragraph 8 of the above referenced Office Action states that Claims 9, 18, 27, and 36 would be allowable over the cited art if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has herein amended independent Claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 to include the limitations of the allowable dependent Claims 9, 18, 27, and 36 respectively. Claims 9, 18, 27, and 36 have been cancelled without prejudice. All remaining claims (Claims 1-8, 10-17, 19-26, and 28-25) are now in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully asserts that all remaining claims (Claims 1-8, 10-17, 19-26, and 28-25) are now in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits such action from the Examiner.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 23-0085.

Respectfully submitted,

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